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Kazunori Ozawa

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For SPEECH CODING APPARATUS AND
SPEECH DECODING APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows. A clean copy of the amended paragraphs is attached.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 22, and continuing to page 3, line 3, as follows:

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This arises from the fact that, in the methods in references 1 and 2, in order to select a sound source code vector, filtering or convolution calculation is performed once for each code [vectors] vector, and such calculation is repeated by a number of times equal to the number of code vectors stored in the codebook.